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Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 53/154 of 9 December 1998 on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights, 53/22 of 4 November 1998 on the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations and 53/25 of 10 November 1998, on the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010), and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1999/68 of 28 April 1999, on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights,[1]

Reaffirming its commitment to promote international cooperation, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article 1, paragraph 3, as well as relevant provisions of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,[2] in order to enhance genuine cooperation among Member States in the field of human rights,

Recognizing that the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights is essential for the full achievement of the purposes of the United Nations, including the effective promotion and protection of all human rights,

Reaffirming the importance of ensuring the universality, objectivity and non-selectivity of the consideration of human rights issues, and underlining the importance of the promotion of dialogue on human rights issues,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1999, Supplement No. 3* (E/1999/23), chap. II, sect. A.

[2] A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

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Noting the common endeavours to strengthen dimensions of international cooperation through, *inter alia*, the enhancement of mutual understanding and cooperation concerning human rights and fundamental freedoms among members of international community,

Taking note of the adoption of resolution 1999/25 of 26 August 1999, entitled "Promotion of dialogue on human rights issues", by the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights of the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session,[3] and welcoming its consideration of the question of a dialogue among civilizations at its fifty-second session,

1. *Welcomes* the decision of the Commission on Human Rights to continue to consider the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights at its fifty-sixth session;

2. *Calls upon* Members States, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations to carry out constructive intercultural dialogue as a salient part of the dialogue among civilizations, and to continue consultations for the enhancement of understanding and the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages non-governmental organizations to contribute actively to this endeavour;

3. *Invites* States and all relevant United Nations human rights mechanisms and procedures to pay continued attention to the importance of mutual cooperation, understanding and dialogue in ensuring promotional and protection of all human rights;

4. *Decides* to continue the consideration of this question at its fifty-fifth session.

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[3] See E/CN.4/2000/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1999/54, chap. II, sect. A.